



John T. Mitchell, Jr.

Biography

Born on Pearl Harbor Day, and destined for a career in the Navy, Rear Admiral John Mitchell's early life was spent in West Texas and New Mexico. He graduated from Rice University in 1964 with degrees in math and electrical engineering and immediately entered the Navy through the Navy ROTC program.

During his 30-year career in the Navy, Mitchell earned a master's degree in physics at the Naval Post Graduate School, served at sea and in shipyards, and spent 18 years in the Strategic Systems Program (SSP). His career concluded in SSP service, where he earned the rank of Rear Admiral and served as the Director.

Mitchell entered the second phase of his career at Bechtel National in San Francisco where, for more than 12 years, he served as manager or on the Board of Directors for most of the facilities in the U.S. Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex. Since retiring from Bechtel in 2007, he has served on boards and as President of the Naval Historical Foundation.

Currently, Mitchell serves on the Charles Stark Draper Lab Corporate Board, and on the Board of Directors at Sandia National Laboratories.

Mitchell married Judith Ann Blythe in 1970. He and his wife currently reside in Alexandria, Virginia, and have homes in Monterey, California, and Emerald Isle, North Carolina.